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Local News

Paw Paw and Vicinity

Ray Wilson came home from Flint to spend the week end with his wife and children here.

Mrs. Cora Barrows of Lawrence spent the greater part of last week in the city, the guest of her daughter Mrs. George Weston.

Mrs. E. B. Longwell returned home last Friday after several days visit at the home of her daughter Mrs. G. A. Sanford and family in Jackson.

Seats may be reserved for the Saturday night performance of "Grandma Gibbs of the Red Cross" at Longwell Bros. store any time Saturday.

There will be work at the next Rebekah meeting. It is requested that every member make an extra effort to be present, as a good time is in store.

Prof. Henderson of the U. of M. will be in Paw Paw on the evening of March 27th, and deliver a free lecture on "Our Boys." Further announcement will be made next week.

O. W. Rowland has received word that his grandson, Orin Rowland has arrived safely in France. This makes two of his grandsons who are now on foreign soil to fight for their country. The other is Lieutenant Ralph Rowland.

The program for next Wednesday, March 20th, at the Coterie club will be a patriotic one with Mrs. Emogene Burke as chairman. Following is the program: Music, Paper, "Women in the War", Mrs. Alice Reid Pierce, Short talk on "Modern Warfare", Rev. Olivia J. C. Woodman.

Miss Fern Hess had a severe attack of appendicitis the first of the week. She is considerably better at this writing, and it is probable that no operation will be performed at this time. This is the third attack of this trouble the young lady has had during the past year.

Word reaches Paw Paw friends that Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dinda of Streeter, Illinois are the proud parents of a baby boy born to them named George in honor of his Granddad George Benwire, east of town. Mrs. Dinda will be remembered as Miss Irene Benwire.

Attorney Carl Mosier of Dowagiac has announced his candidacy for the office of Prosecuting Attorney of Cass county in the next Republican primaries. Carl is a former Paw Paw boy, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mosier of this place. He has established an enviable record among the attorneys of Cass county during his practice there, and we predict success for him in the primaries and at the polls.

Lincoln H. Titus of Kalamazoo will appear as speaker at the Union Patriotic service at the Christian church next Sunday evening, March 17th. A great service is planned with the male chorus to furnish the singing, with solos and quartettes as specialties. With Mr. Titus as speaker, the success of the meeting is assured. Every one is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

The U. S. Working Reserve of the Department of Labor is putting forth every effort as a war measure to bring together the town and city boys who are old enough to work on the farm, in anticipation of the needs for farm labor next season. Next week, March 18th, to 23rd, inclusive has been named as national enrollment week and a regular army of boys should be enrolled during those days. Commissioner E. V. Root has charge of the enrollment in Van Buren county.

A telegram to Mrs. Eliza Hogar on Wednesday contained the sad news of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Ann Thredgould in Medford, Oregon. Deceased will be remembered as a resident of this community for many years. During her later years she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Salisbury, and went west with them some years ago. She has been in failing health for some years and her death was not unexpected. The remains will be brought here for burial.

Does it pay to raise big crops? There is just one answer to that. A farmer's profits are the differences between the sales and his expenses. Every farmer should receive wages for his work. If not, something is the matter. It may be that he is not getting enough money for his products or it may be that it is costing him too much to produce his crops and stock. The farmer should get a square deal and is entitled to more than thirty-five cents to the consumer's dollar. But he must remember that times have changed and that farming is a business. Like all businesses, there is very keen competition and the prices are determined by the supply and the demand. The farmer can not control the supply very much, because he has several million competitors in the United States alone. However, he can control very largely the cost of production. Some farmers are producing crops and stock at much less cost than others. They are the men who are making large labor incomes.

Mrs. John Latahaw of Allegan is a week end guest at the H. A. Cole home.

Miss Grace Marshall, domestic science teacher in the local high school is very ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. A. E. Douglas accompanied by Mrs. May Tubbs spent Sunday last with her son, Irwin in Argo, Indiana.

Quite a number of pupils have been absent from the various departments of the school the past week, on account of severe colds.

The parlors of the Baptist church were filled to overflowing on Wednesday evening for the sumptuous supper served on that occasion.

Little Miss Beulah, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Heaton has been sick the past week, but is considerably improved at this writing.

Cliff Charles, of Bangor and John Marshall of Porter were in town on Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Miss Marian Mutchler is expected home from the M. A. C. Saturday for a few days vacation with her parents and friends.

The Carl Bartlett Auction in Porter township, advertised for March 13th, has been postponed to Friday, March 22nd. Announcement will be found in another column.

General Crowder announces March 29th, as the date for the next addition to the U. S. Army. Ninety-five thousand men will be called at that time, and Michigan's quota will be 5,558.

The Third Division of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. James Stephenson, 401 East Main street on this Friday afternoon. All members are requested to bring thimbles.

Alonzo Curtis has the contract for putting in a new front and making other repairs and improvements on the Dyckman house. This will be good news to the residents of Paw Paw all of whom are hoping that the hotel may be opened early in the summer.

A large company of the neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson gathered at their home last Tuesday evening to celebrate the fifty-fourth wedding anniversary of this estimable couple. The happy event was a most surprising surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson.

Miss Mary Howe was taken to the Bronson hospital in Kalamazoo last Sunday for an operation for appendicitis. It was successfully performed and the patient is recovering nicely. Miss Marjorie Clapp who nursed the patient during her recent sickness in Grand Haven accompanied her to the hospital in the same capacity.

The George Porter family is in a pitiful condition. Mr. Porter and several of the children are very sick with the mumps. Mrs. Porter is critically ill, and the oldest son is near unto death with typhoid pneumonia. A trained nurse is in attendance and neighbors and friends are doing everything in their power to help this stricken family in their hour of distress and trouble.

To give some idea of just how hard it rained on Wednesday, Rural Mail Carrier Bert Douglas reports the necessity of boring holes in the bottom of his buggy box to prevent the water from running over his shoe tops. Bert probably has the best reputation of any one in the entire postal force in the Paw Paw office for truth and veracity, and it is probable that this statement will be accepted as Gospel Truth.

Paw Paw people will remember C. K. Cadman, who was a resident of this community for some months several years ago. A letter from Mr. Cadman to The True Northerner states that he is now building six ships for the government at the Coos Bay Shipbuilding yards at Marshfield, Oregon. The communication enclosed a letter from Mr. Cadman's son Paul who is Second Lieutenant in the Aviation section of the U. S. Army in France. The same will be given space in a later issue.

The hearing in the estate of Lucile M. Bridges, deceased, which was held at the Probate Office on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week; created a great deal of interest, in view of the fact that two prominent Chicago Attorneys were representing various interested parties in the case. Clarence S. Darrow and David Anderson, representing Evelyn Arthur See, and others, and Judge Lally and Glenn E. Warner, representing Stephen Bridges and his daughter. To accommodate the attorneys and witnesses from out of town, a night session was held Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 10:30, and the court room was crowded, many standing at the door the entire three hours. The main question of issue at the present, is the question of jurisdiction of the Court, it being maintained by the husband Stephen Bridges, that the residence or domicile of the deceased was Chicago, while the opposing party contends that it was Bloomington. The question was heard and argued by the attorneys, who will submit briefs to the Court as to the law in this regard. It will probably be two or three weeks before the question is decided.

Undersheriff Andrew Lang and wife spent the week end in Covert and South Haven.

Madame Edel of Chicago and Mrs. Nellie Thompson of Kalamazoo are guests at the home of Mrs. Caroline Sellick.

There was a meeting of the County Cow Testing Association held in Paw Paw on Wednesday. About fifteen were present.

John McFarlin received word last Saturday that his two sons, Grant and Claire had arrived safely at some European port.

Tudor and Richard Showerman of Sturgis are spending some time at the home of their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Showerman.

The Royal Neighbors and their husbands will meet on Tuesday evening, March 19th, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lake. It will be a masquerade.

A heavy rainstorm struck this section on Wednesday. It was needed to help settle the roads which in some places have been practically impassable.

E. J. Kirby of Covert was in Paw Paw on Wednesday to attend a meeting of the executive committee of Van Buren county Farm Federation. Plans for the coming year were discussed and other business transacted.

W. C. Mosier, who has been seriously ill since last week Tuesday is considerably better and will be at the store again soon. He has been under the care of a trained nurse, and his condition for a number of days was critical.

Russell Hindenach has been notified that he passed a successful examination for entrance to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. He will enter that institution next June, after finishing his course in the local schools.

David Anderson, chairman of the County War Preparedness Board announces that on Monday, March 25th, there will be a County Conference of the War Preparedness Board and of the Red Cross directors, committees and branches, Woman's Defense League, Liberty Loan Workers, War Saving Stamp Workers and all interested in War Work. The work being done and to be done in Van Buren County will be considered and representatives of the State work will be in attendance. Full particulars will be given next week. Keep the date open.

The city of Allegan is rejoicing over the gift of \$100,000.00 for the erection of a fine Auditorium in that city. The bequest was made by Mrs. Marilla Griswold of that city who passed away recently leaving an estate of over \$300,000. Judge O. S. Cross of that city who for many years has been the confidential friend and legal advisor of deceased, was one of the beneficiaries named in the will. He receives the sum of \$10,000, bank stock, curios, carpenter tools, and a share of the residue, after all other bequests have been satisfied. Judge Cross was formerly a Van Buren county boy, and his friends rejoice with him in his good fortune, and congratulate the city of Allegan on their prospects for public improvement.

The Library question in the village election last Monday brought out the largest vote at a village election in years. The majority in favor of the Library was overwhelming, there being a total of 328 votes cast with only 33 against. Something over a hundred ladies availed themselves of the right of franchise on this question. In the afternoon, the department of the high school with their instructors headed by the band marched through the principal streets of the village. Students carried American flags and banners bearing the inscription, "We want the Library." The parade made a "Hit" and elicited much praise and many complimentary remarks along the street. The Library is now an assured fact, and practically the entire community rejoices.

The Republican township caucus was held in the Opera House last Saturday afternoon. Roy L. Tuttle was made chairman, F. N. Wakeman secretary and M. H. Young, Tom Woodman and Elmer Empson, tellers. Paul Smith was nominated for Supervisor by acclamation as was Frank Hodges for clerk. The real scrap was on Treasurer. The names of Jay Hinckley, Jay Dodge, Harry Cross and Leo Prater were placed in nomination. It took two ballots for a choice to be made, the vote on each ballot being as follows:—First ballot Jay Hinckley, 95; Jay Dodge, 58; Leo Prater, 40; Harry Cross, 38. Second ballot—Jay Hinckley, 119; Jay Dodge, 51; Harry Cross, 33; Leo Prater, 26. The next and only other contest in the caucus was on Highway Commissioner. Frank Labadie and Lewis Salisbury were placed in nomination, and the ballot stood, Salisbury 111; Labadie, 98. The balance of the ticket was nominated by acclamation as follows:—Overseer of Highways, John Minnick; Member of Board of Review, Jay Lyle; Justice of the Peace, J. E. Parker; Constables, Philo Simmons, Perry Yeider, C. W. Reynolds and A. F. Hurlbut. It was one of the largest caucuses ever held in the township, and the good feeling and harmony which prevailed aided well for the election of the splendid ticket nominated.

David Anderson was in Chicago on business the first of the week.

A unique musical program was enjoyed last Wednesday by the seventh grade.

Mrs. H. A. Cole and daughter Margaret were Kalamazoo visitors on Saturday.

The ladies of the Coterie have sold their little cottage back of their club house to Leland Warner.

Florence Pepper has been teaching the sixth grade this week, Miss Stevens being ill with measles.

Miss Mary O'Grady returned home last Friday from a two weeks sojourn with relatives and friends in Chicago and Milwaukee.

Let The True Northerner do your Auction advertising. Circulation is what counts. We have it, and can guarantee publicity.

Mrs. Frank Stapleton of Decatur has been in the city the past week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Warner and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Showerman.

Duane Mosier of Lansing and Carl Mosier of Dowagiac were called to Paw Paw the first of the week by the serious illness of their father, Wm. C. Mosier.

Many have been unable to get seats for tonight's performance of "Grandma Gibbs of the Red Cross", and a full house is anticipated on Saturday night.

Mrs. H. H. Adams returned home from Lawton last Saturday after spending two weeks in that city assisting in the care of a brother-in-law who passed away last week Wednesday.

The fifth grade of the local schools have the proud distinction of going through a whole week without a single word being missed in the spelling lessons. There are twenty-six pupils in the grade, and it is a fine record.

There will be a record breaking crowd at the Opera House tonight to see "Grandma Gibbs of the Red Cross". Those who desire to attend the production on Saturday evening may have reservations made at any time after Saturday morning.

The True Northerner advertises auction sales this week for W. D. Davis and F. O. Cochran on the Giles Spencer place east of Glendale on Tuesday, March 19th, and for Jeff Jennings near Reynolds Lake on Wednesday, March 20th. See liberal space in this issue for details.

If you are not going to see "Grandma Gibbs of the Red Cross" at the Opera House tonight, go to the Idle Hour to see Clara Kimball Young in "The Price She Paid." If you see Clara Kimball Young tonight, go to the Opera House tomorrow evening to see the home talent play "Grandma Gibbs of the Red Cross."

Practically every seat on the floor at the Opera House is sold for "Grandma Gibbs of the Red Cross" tonight, and many have been unable to make reservations. The play will be repeated on Saturday night as announced, and those who desire to attend on that evening may get seats reserved at Longwell Bros. store at any time on Saturday.

The Republican Township committee have named Roy L. Tuttle to head the ticket as candidate for Supervisor vice Paul Smith who leaves town to take up his duties as Agricultural Agent for Mecosta County. Roy is a young man of ability, known and well liked by everybody in the township, and will be an acceptable candidate to fill the vacancy.

Master Turner Longwell was host to a few of his young friends last Saturday afternoon from three until six o'clock. A very elaborate luncheon was served by his mother assisted by Miss Sadie Busley and Mrs. E. B. Longwell. The table decorations were pink and white, the centerpiece being a beautiful basket filled with favors for the young guests. Each favor was attached to a ribbon running to the plates. The Place cards were pink roses. All present voted it the party of the season. The guests present were the Misses Donna Hinckley, Catherine Maxwell, Jean Warner, and the Masters Chas. Millen and Wynn Wakeman.

A letter from the Aseltine-Prater party to Paw Paw friends dated March 8th, stated that they were in Georgia and homeward bound. We clip the following from the Datona Daily News, Florida, issue of March 6th:—"Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Aseltine and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Prater of Paw Paw, Michigan, drove in from Miami Saturday evening and pitched their tent in Marshall park for a few days sight-seeing in this vicinity. They left Tuesday morning very much pleased with this section of the state. The party had a neat trailer camping outfit and its members are enjoying the outdoor life very much, having slept in hotels only nine nights since leaving Michigan on the day after Thanksgiving. They saw considerable army camp life as the Aseltines visited their son, Leland, who is a Second Lieutenant in the army stationed at Laredo, Texas on the border. These pleasant people are friends of F. A. Weston and family and pitched their tent next door. They will make several short stops on their way north. They plan to reach Michigan by April first."

Miss Mary Oehlhoffen is home from South Bend for a few days visit with home folks.

Miss Kittie Smith attended a St. Patrick's dancing party in Watervliet on Thursday evening of this week.

A meeting of the Directors of the Van Buren county Farmer's Mutual Insurance Company was held at the office of the secretary B. L. Breed on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Van Vleck entertained a number of friends on Monday at a six o'clock dinner in honor of their daughter Miss Peggy, it being the third anniversary of her birth.

Mrs. Glen Fullenwiden and Mrs. Harry Kritz of Waveland, Indiana and Frank Bilbo of Russellville, Indiana were here to attend the funeral of A. Bilbo, returning to their respective homes on Thursday of this week.

The first Van Buren county boy to lose his life in battle with the enemy was Lowell Kellar of Gobleville. His father, George Kellar received a cablegram on Friday stating that his son had been killed by a German gas bomb.

Twenty-five ladies of the Coterie who could vote, turned out en-mass Monday, marched to the polls and cast their votes for the new library. Other members of this organization voted earlier in the day. Nearly every lady of the Coterie club was an enthusiastic booster for the library, and did everything within their power for the success of the proposition at the polls.

On March 1st, the Germania Fire Insurance Company, one of the oldest companies in America, founded in 1859, changed its name to the National Liberty Insurance Company of America. The change in name was necessitated by public misinterpretation of the former name, many believing it to indicate German origin and German affiliation. The company was founded by Americans, and its capital is invested in American securities. Since the outbreak of the war, the company has been active in securing recruits for the United States Navy and Marine corps, and it recently contributed \$10,000 to the American Red Cross.

Paul Smith was in Big Rapids the first of the week and returned on Wednesday with a contract for the position of Agricultural Agent for Mecosta county safely tucked away in his pocket. Paul is one of Paw Paw's most progressive and highly esteemed young men. He is eminently qualified for the position, but the news that he is to leave this county will be received with regret by the entire community. All will join however in congratulations to the good people of Mecosta county on the splendid acquisition to their citizenship, and wish Mr. and Mrs. Smith the best of success and all the good things in life in their new home. They plan to move and be on the job by April first.

The democratic caucus was held in the council rooms Saturday afternoon G. W. Lee was chairman and H. L. McNeil, secretary. It was decided to leave a portion of the ticket blank, which was a practical endorsement of the men nominated on the other ticket for those offices. Charles Mather was nominated for Treasurer Charles Sheibley for Highway Commissioner; Lanford Cole, Member of the Board of Review; Bert Gleason, Justice of the Peace; and A. T. Stevenson, H. D. Wright, David McCann, and O. E. Smith for constables. At the close of the caucus, Charles Mather made a little talk and announced that if he was elected to the office for which he had been nominated, he proposed to give one half of his salary to the Red Cross and other kindred War Funds. This offer, he said, was made on his own initiative.

It is sometimes said that "Once a German, always a German at heart." There is ample evidence to prove that statement is false. For instance a resident of our village, Carl Gerhard Grashorn, who was born in Germany sixty-seven years ago last Wednesday, is now a patriotic loyal American citizen, with two sons in the American Army. The eldest, Leo, enlisted in a Hospital corps from the University of Wisconsin and has just arrived safely in France, and Robert is at Camp Grant. Mr. Grashorn served several years in the German Army, enlisting in 1870 during the Franco-Prussian war, which gave Alsace-Lorraine to Germany. He joined the army one year before he became of military age, and served until the peace terms were complied with by France. In addition to the loss of Alsace-Lorraine, France was compelled to pay a war indemnity to Germany in the sum of One Billion dollars. This sum, Mr. Grashorn states was fully paid just six months before the final installment became due. Mr. Grashorn is familiar with every highway and crossroad around Toul and Nancy where the American troops are now fighting. He came to America forty-three years ago and became an American citizen just as soon as the laws of this country would permit. He is a writer of some ability (a poem from his pen appears in another column of this issue), a pleasant gentleman to meet, patriotic and loyal to the core. The patriotism of Mr. Grashorn is so far as we know, a fair sample of the loyalty of all the citizens of German birth in this vicinity.

We notice by the Kalamazoo Gazette that Chester A. Craine, formerly a Paw Paw boy, is a candidate for one of the seven commissioners of the city of Kalamazoo. Chester was born and grew to young manhood in the village of Paw Paw. He attended the public schools here and graduated with the class of 1904, the only negro boy to win that honor in the history of the school. Later he took special training in the Lyola University of Chicago, and was associated for a time with Booker T. Washington in Chautauqua work. He taught among his people in the South for a period of six years, three of them in the Booker T. Washington Institute at Tuskegee, Alabama. He has always been a clean, progressive young man, striving for an education and endeavoring in every honest way to better the conditions among his people. The citizens of his home town, who have known him since childhood, are cognizant of his worth, and commend him to the people of Kalamazoo. May he be elected to the office for which he has been nominated.

Throughout the county the Draft Board are asking for volunteer workers to assist in the clerical work of their office, which is very heavy. The government urges upon Teachers and others who are competent to do clerical work, that it is a patriotic service to their country, and in some counties the response has been very generous, but thus far very few have responded to the call in our own county. As a result the work at the office is very burdensome and consequently somewhat delayed. The Misses Margaret Southworth, Ola Killefer, Nellie Harrington and Lulu McWilliams have assisted evenings, and they feel that there are others who would give a few hours of their time to aiding the Board in the clerical work. If there are any who can give a few hours during the day, or if there are a number who can give an evening to the work, it will be greatly appreciated, and those who are willing to volunteer their services should report to Mr. R. W. Broughton, the secretary of the Board.

SCHOOL NOTES

Mr. Hawley gave an interesting talk to the high school Monday morning. This is the first time the high school has listened to Mr. Hawley for some time and we can say that we are glad to welcome him at any time. In his talk he emphasized the importance of clean manhood and womanhood and the gain derived from striving after the greatest thing of life.

A parade, led by the band and composed of members of the high school marched Monday afternoon in the interest of our new library. It is needless to say that we are all glad that before long we can all enjoy the privilege of a well furnished library.

Miss Marshall, the Domestic Science teacher has been absent this week because of sickness.

A PATRIOTIC CITIZEN.

At the Democratic township caucus held last Saturday afternoon, Charles Mather was nominated for Township Treasurer. Mr. Mather announced that he would, if elected, give one-half of his salary, or fees, he received from the office for the benefit of various war funds. He is desirous of having the money given to the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., K. of C. and such other organizations which have for their object the securing for the boys who are fighting for their country the necessities and comforts which are not usually furnished by the Government.

Mr. Mather said in substance:—"You all know I have lost one boy in the army and have another who is now fighting in France. Some may think I have contributed my share towards the war, but I wish to do more. I cannot go myself on account of my age, but wish to help those who do go. I have a great desire to help to win this great war while the German ruler and his allies are waging against America and her allies, and against civilization. I am further moved by the fact that I have lost one son and have another now in France who may be sacrificed for the sake of this great cause. I am anxious to further show my patriotism and zeal, and am willing to do so by contributing one half of the compensation which I receive from the office for the benefit of the boys who are fighting for their country. I make this statement without any suggestion from anyone."

Mr. Mather is certainly showing his patriotism in a very substantial and loyal manner. (CONTRIBUTED)

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy, also the beautiful flowers and the comforting words of our pastor, and all who assisted us in any way.

Mrs. Wm. Quinn
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Miller and family
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Vorce and family